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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
For Greg Wong, Office of Federal Transportation Program Management (MS 82)

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: 2000/01 FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 3 – NON-MPO PLANNING AREAS

We have completed our review of Amendment 3 to the 2000/01 to 2002/03 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted with your letter dated July 6, 2001. This amendment deletes, adds, and modifies FSTIP programming for projects and phases of projects located in areas of the State of California that are outside the planning boundaries of the designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

We accept this Amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that it was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provision of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this Amendment are for projects located in areas of the State of California which are designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and, pursuant to procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode transportation improvement program (TIP) amendments dated March 8, 1996, the Regional office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The construction phase for the Grizzly Road rehabilitation project (CTIPS ID: 130-0000-0944) is proposed for programming in the triennial element of the FSTIP using "Future Funds" and is considered by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration as informational pursuant to 23 CFR 450.216(a)(2).

This letter constitutes approval for inclusion of the subject Amendment, with the one exception cited above, into California's 2000/01 FSTIP. We have determined that this FSTIP Amendment does not adversely impact the constrained financial plan for the 2000/01 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

For
Michael G. Ritchie
Division Administrator